

Minimum Requirements For Fences

This informational bulletin describes the regulations regarding the construction of fences in the City of Savannah.

I. WHEN IS A PERMIT REQUIRED?

A Fence Permit is required to construct a wood or chain link fence over 7 feet in height. Masonry and concrete fences or any type of fence structure that is intended to have a footing requires a Fence Permit.

II. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- A. Fence heights are regulated by the City of Savannah Zoning Ordinance. For specific information about how zoning regulations impact fences, please call the Zoning office at (912) 651-6530.
- B. Historic Review Board approval is required for material changes in existing walls and fences and new construction of walls and fences that are located in the Historic and Victorian Districts. Please call (912) 651-1453 for more information.
- C. Fences must be located completely on private property. To determine where the public right-of-way ends and private property begins (property line) along a street or lane, consult a Georgia licensed surveyor or reference an existing survey for the appropriate information.
- D. Fences located on easements may be required to be removed. Costs associated with reconstructing removed fences are the responsibility of the owner.
- E. Fences can cause flooding by blocking the flow of rainwater during a storm event. The fence needs to be constructed such that it allows the natural flow of rain water or the fence's panels can break away thereby preventing yours and neighboring properties from flooding.